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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHAHI ET AL.

Examiner

Farzana Huq

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/ are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the amendment filed on October 23, 2007. Claims 1 and 4 are amended. New claims 9-12 have been added. The examiner withdraws the objection regarding claims 1 and 4 as changes are made by applicants.

Claims 1-12 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gehani et al. hereinafter Gehani (U.S. patent 5918009).

Gehani teaches the invention as claimed including technique for sharing information on World Wide Web (see abstract).

4. As per claim 1, Gehani discloses a communications system arranged such that connections to a first terminal supporting a communications session on the first terminal may be diverted during the course of the session such that the session may be continued on a second terminal, the communications system comprising: a server device for processing calls, means for creating a user profile on the server device, the user profile identifying a plurality of terminals, means for generating from the user profile a set of parameters defining a virtual terminal (col. 2 lines 54-67, col. 3 lines 1-10, Gehani discloses server determines user information and generates a welcome page against the user), a store for the parameters defining the virtual terminal, said

parameters including details of a current communications session made using a first terminal (col. 3 lines 61 – col. 4 lines 10, col. 4 lines 23-31, Gehani discloses server storage, state information and routing options on the page), means for diverting, on instructions from a user device, the routing of a communications connection supporting the session from the first terminal to a second terminal, means for transferring the details of the current session to the second terminal for use in continuing the session (col. 4 lines 30-55, col. 5 lines 26-42, Gehani discloses server retrieves last up to date session and regenerates and transmits to user for continuing same session).

5. As per claim 2, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 1, and further teaches apparatus comprising means for storing information relating to each of the plurality of terminals, and means for adapting the details of the current communications session in accordance with the terminal to which the session is to be diverted on receipt of a diversion instruction (col. 4 lines 30-55, col. 5 lines 26-42).

6. As per claim 3, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 2, and further teaches apparatus comprising means for translation of a session into a data handling protocol suitable for the terminal (col.1 lines 47-67).

7. As per claim 4, Gehani discloses a method of operating a communications system such that a connection to a first terminal supporting a communications session on the first terminal may be diverted during the course of the session such that the session may be continued on a second terminal, comprising the steps of creating a user profile on a server device, the user profile identifying a plurality of terminals, generating from the user profile a set of parameters defining a terminal (col. 2 lines 54-67, col. 3 lines 1-10, Gehani discloses server determines user

information and generates a welcome page against the user), storing the parameters defining the terminal, said parameters including details of a current communications session made using a first terminal (col. 3 lines 61 – col. 4 lines 10, col. 4 lines 23-31, Gehani discloses server storage, state information and routing options on the page), on instruction from the user, diverting the routing of a communications connection supporting the session from the first terminal to a second terminal, and transferring the details of the current session to the second terminal for use in continuing the session (col. 4 lines 30-55, col. 5 lines 26-42, Gehani discloses server retrieves last up to date session and regenerates and transmits to user for continuing same session).

8. As per claim 5, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 4, and further teaches a method comprising the further steps of storing information relating to each of the plurality of terminals, and on receipt of a diversion instruction adapting the details of the current communications session in accordance with the terminal to which the session is to be diverted (col. 4 lines 30-55, col. 5 lines 26-42).

9. As per claim 6, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 5, and further teaches a method wherein the session is translated into a data handling protocol suitable for the terminal (col.1 lines 47-67).

10. As per claims 7, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 4, and further teaches a method wherein the diversion of routing is initiated by an instruction transmitted from the second terminal to the server device (col. 4 lines 30-55, col. 5 lines 26-42).

11. As per claims 8, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 7, and further teaches a method wherein the diversion of routing is initiated by an instruction transmitted from

the first terminal to the second terminal, causing the second terminal to transmit an instruction to the server device (col. 3 lines 61 – col. 4 lines 10, col. 4 lines 23-31).

12. As per claim 9, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 5, and further teaches a method wherein the diversion of routing is initiated by an instruction transmitted from the second terminal to the server device (col. 4 lines 30-55, col. 5 lines 26-42).

13. As per claim 10, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 6, and further teaches a method wherein the diversion of routing is initiated by an instruction transmitted from the second terminal to the server device (col. 4 lines 30-55, col. 5 lines 26-42).

14. As per claim 11, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 9, and further teaches a method wherein the diversion of routing is initiated by an instruction transmitted from the first terminal to the second terminal, causing the second terminal to transmit an instruction to the server device (col. 3 lines 61 – col. 4 lines 10, col. 4 lines 23-31).

15. As per claim 12, Gehani discloses the limitations as described in claim 10, and further teaches a method wherein the diversion of routing is initiated by an instruction transmitted from the first terminal to the second terminal, causing the second terminal to transmit an instruction to the server device (col. 3 lines 61 – col. 4 lines 10, col. 4 lines 23-31).

Conclusion

16. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the

mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

17. **Examiner's Note:** Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

In the case of amending the claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification which dictate(s) the structure relied on for proper interpretation and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

18. The prior art made of record, in PTO-892 form, and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Quatrano et al. (U.S. Patent 6748420) discloses methods and apparatus for providing shared access to an application.
- Bracewell et al. (U.S. Patent 765568) discloses stem and method for managing states and user context over stateless protocols.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farzana Huq whose telephone number is (571) 270-3223. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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